

From: [Semerad, Jim L.](#)
To: [Tricia Pfeiffer](#)
Cc: [Cindy Beeler](#)
Subject: RE: air problems
Date: 06/20/2012 08:54 AM

Tricia:

We will meet in the 2nd floor conference room at 2.00.

Alex, Cindy and I need to discuss inspections in ND but your findings while you were in ND and your visit with Jacki will be a good addition. Note that we can discuss this issue first and then you can break away.

A follow-up to the latest Shilke complaint is below fyi.

Jim

From: Russell Rankin [mailto:rrankin@bexp3d.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2012 5:16 PM
To: Peterson, Todd F.
Cc: Axtman, John S.; bfoster@bexp3d.com
Subject: Re: Oil well

Todd,
Sorry I didn't get this to you sooner today. After determining which wells these were, I drove to the Kalil/MacMasters dual pad site yesterday afternoon around 5:45 PM and took some pictures of the site myself. As you can see from the photos, there is no black smoke. If there was any oil to the flare stack at the time that the other photos were taken, it was probably a very small amount and for a very short period of time. The residence where the complaint was filed is approx. 1.5 miles from this site. We have lease operators check this site at least once per day and sometimes more frequently. We have other contractors and personnel that are working in this area and would have informed us if we had oil dumping to the flare for an extended period of time. There is no way that this plume of black smoke was going continuously for a week for 24 hrs of the day. As you can see from my photos, there was no smoke or flare at the time that I was on location. Both wells are hooked up to incinerators to efficiently burn the vapors from the tanks. There could be a VRU installed on these wells at some point in the future to replace the incinerators. We also have these wells on our oil and salt water gathering systems (pipelines) to decrease the traffic (and dust) to these locations in this area. There is a picture of our LACT building on this site attached to verify this as well. We are doing everything we can to be a good neighbor. Not sure what else at this point in time that we can do. We will be installing video surveillance on these locations soon to make sure that there is no vandalism and to verify future allegations of black. Please let me know if there is anything else that you need at this point in time to satisfy your investigation or to satisfy the concerns of the nearby residences.
Take care,
Russ

From: Tricia Pfeiffer [Pfeiffer.Tricia@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2012 9:09 AM
To: Semerad, Jim L.
Cc: Cindy Beeler
Subject: RE: air problems

Hey Jim,

You must have brought the cool weather in, it's been incredibly hot until today. Thanks for the invite to meet. I am available at 2:00, where should I come?

Look forward to meeting in person,
Tricia

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To: Tricia Pfeiffer/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
From: "Semerad, Jim L." <jsemerad@nd.gov>
Date: 06/19/2012 07:49PM
Subject: RE: air problems
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Tricia:

I am in Denver and will be meeting with Cindy Beeler and Alex North Wednesday at 2.00. They will be coming to ND in July for oil field inspections.

Question: Would you like to sit down with us for a few minutes??

If the above doesn't work, Would you be available to meet with me (only) at some other time?? I

am available Wednesday at 1.00 and could possibly break away Thursday morning or afternoon to meet.

Jim

From: Tricia Pfeiffer [Pfeiffer.Tricia@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2012 11:36 AM
To: Semerad, Jim L.; Axtman, John S.
Cc: Jacki
Subject: Fw: air problems

Jim and John,

Please see Jacki's email below. I have forwarded the email to our air folks also.

Thanks,
Tricia

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----- Forwarded by Tricia Pfeiffer/R8/USEPA/US on 06/18/2012 10:22 AM -----

From: "Jacki" <jboid@dia.net>
To: Tricia Pfeiffer/R8/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 06/18/2012 07:57 AM
Subject: air problems

This is what we have been breathing this week-and also the gas coming off the Ellis-Somerset well. This site has been bellowing black smoke over a week-very strong smell of burning tires 24/7. Also the pipeline was down several days last week, all the flares on the wells around us were burning but not the Ellis-Somerset site. The line going to the flare on this site-the valve is closed, so there is no chance that the gas can even be burned off. These people are intentionally trying to kill us it seems. Steve, myself and the animals have been sick all week. I have found 2 dead kittens in the yard again this week. I ordered a canister and took an air sample over the weekend, should have results by the end of the week.
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